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REF: A. NATO- WIDE MESSAGE DTG 2212952 Z MARCH " EXERCISE HILEX VI"
B. AC/237- D/119

1. IN REPLY TO REF A, MISSION SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

2. LIMITED SETTING IN REF B SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN FURTHERANCE OF HILEX VI OBJECTIVES; A MAIN ONE OF WHICH SHOULD BE REVIEW OF DISCREPANCIES TO HAVE BEEN CORRECTED SINCE HILEX V. THE NARROWER SCENARIO IN HILEX VI SHOULD ENHANCE EXERCISE CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS; RESULT IN MORE PRECISE AND MORE CLEARLY ORIENTED INCIDENT INPUTS; AND ALLOW FOR BETTER METHODOLOGY IN TESTING DESIRED PROCEDURES.
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3. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 2, REF A, WE AGREE THAT HILEX VI OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST FURTHER CONCEPT OF REINFORCED SENIOR COMMITTEE, CONSULTANTS, AND INFORMATION FLOW SUPPORTING COUNCIL.

4. WE CONCUR, AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 3, REF A, THAT OUTLINE SCENARIO IS BASIS FOR SHIPPING AND OIL PLAY.

RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS SURFACED IN HILEX V CONCERNING SHIPPING AND OIL WOULD BE MOST WORTHWHILE OBJECTIVE OF EXERCISE. IN ADDITION THE AIRLIFT OF THE AMF (FOOTNOTE 2, PAGE 4, REF B) WOULD OFFUS AND HOPED THEY WOULD CONTINUE AND IMPROVE.
IN RESPONSE TO WRIGHT' S QUESTION, UNDER SECRETARY IDENTIFIED PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS IN ECONOMIC SPHERE AS TRADE, MONETARY REFORM AND INVESTMENT, THE B/ P EFFECTS OF OUR MILITARY POSTURE AND ENERGY. THE OECD EXCOM DISCUSSIONS HAD GONE WELL, BUT THE COMMITTEE WAS STILL TOO BIG AND IT WAS THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT A DEFINITIVE VIEW.
2. WRIGHT IDENTIFIED THE CAP AS THE " SUBSCRIPTION PRICE" FOR UK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. SAID UK WOULD TRY TO CHANGE IT OVER TIME, IN UK' S OWN SELF INTEREST.

3. UNDER SECRETARY TURNED TO REVERSE PREFERENCES, AND RECALLED PROPOSAL HE HAD MADE TO SOAMES WHICH HE SAID ALSO PROVIDED PHASING SPECIAL PREFERENCES FOR LDC' S INTO A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR LDC' S. BUTLER BROKE IN TO SAY THAT US WAS SOMETIMES SAID TO BELIEVE SPECIAL PREFERENCES FOR LDC' S WERE AS BAD AS THE REVERSE PREFERENCES WHICH EC FORCED LDC' S TO GRANT IT. UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED US DOES NOT LIKE ANY PREFERENCES; BUT IS PREAPRED TO ADMIT THAT THEY HAD GROWN UP. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SPECIAL PREFERENCES FOR LDC' S PHASED INTO A GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

4. BUTLER SUGGESTED THAT US NOTSTRESSITS OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL PREFERENCES WHILE IT IS PUSHING FOR FIRST OBJECTIVE OF DOING AWAY WITH REVERSE PREFERENCE. MIGHT US ACQUIESCE IN SPECIAL PREFERENCES FOR LDC' S IF REVERSE PREFERENCES ELIMINATED BY EC? UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED THAT ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF US PACKAGE PROPOSED IS
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NOT TO EXTEND SPECIAL PREFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES. US IS NOT FORGETTING SPECIAL PREFERENCES, ACCEPTS FACT OF THEIR EXISTENCE, BUT EVENTUALLY WANTS THEM DONE AWAY WITH. BUTLER ASKED IF THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WERE ON THE SPECIFIED LIST. UNDER SECRETARY REPLIED US WOULD REQUIRE SOME FORM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXAMINATION OF THE SPECIAL PREFERENCES THAT IMPOSE ON OUR OWN INTERESTS.

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